

**** Update** State Police Investigating a Fatal Crash East of Delmar**

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Delmar – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal crash east of Delmar.

The incident occurred around 12:43 p.m. Thursday April 27, 2017 as a 35-year-old female was operating a 2002 GMC Yukon southbound on Pepperbox Road approaching the intersection at Whitesville Road (SR30) with a posted stop sign. A 32-year-old male operating a 2016 Kenworth tractor pulling a 2014 Ledwell trailer westbound on Whitesville Road approaching Pepperbox Road. Whitesville Road is a throughway and traffic is not required to stop. The Yukon failed to stop at the posted stop sign and entered the intersection as the tractor trailer was crossing and struck the right side of the trailer. As a result, the Yukon began to violently rotate multiple times before coming to a stop on Whitesville Road west of the intersection. The tractor trailer came to a controlled stop in the roadway a short distance west of the intersection.

The 35-year-old female, who was properly restrained was pronounced dead on scene. Her name is being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

The 32-year-old male tractor trailer operator was properly restrained and uninjured.

The Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing their investigation into this incident. There is no evidence of alcohol or drug involvement on behalf of the 35-year-old

female at this time. Whitesville Road was closed at Pepperbox Road for approximately four hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

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